

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-10 as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/EP2003/007903.

Please add new claims 11-21 as indicated in the listing of claims below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (new): An ironing board on which an ironing board cover having an elastic padding is installable, the ironing board comprising:

a board portion having a surface; and

a peripheral edge standing out over the surface and configured to hold the elastic padding in an unshiftable manner.

Claim 12 (new): The ironing board as recited in claim 11, wherein the padding is enclosed by the edge of the ironing board.

Claim 13 (new): The ironing board as recited in claim 11, wherein a bottom surface of the padding includes a peripheral groove enclosing the peripheral edge of the ironing board.

Claim 14 (new): The ironing board as recited in claim 13, wherein the board portion includes an outer edge and the padding has a bulge engaging with the outer edge from behind.

Claim 15 (new): The ironing board as recited in claim 14, wherein the peripheral edge is a separate element from the board portion and attachable to the board portion.

Claim 16 (new): The ironing board as recited in claim 15, wherein the peripheral edge includes a

peripheral section corresponding to a contour of the board portion and enclosing the outer edge.

Claim 17 (new): The ironing board as recited in claim 11, wherein the peripheral edge stands out 0.2 to 5 cm over the surface.

Claim 18 (new): The ironing board as recited in claim 11, wherein the peripheral edge stands out 0.5 to 2 cm, out over the surface.

Claim 19 (new): The ironing board as recited in claim 11, wherein the peripheral edge has a tapered shape.

Claim 20 (new): The ironing board as recited in claim 19, wherein a base of the tapered shape is 0.1 to 1.5 cm wide.

Claim 21 (new): The ironing board as recited in claim 11, wherein the padding includes an intrinsically rigid hard foam.